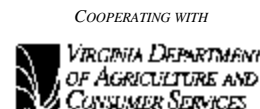




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Virginia's corn for grain yield is expected at 73 bushels per acre. This would be the lowest corn for grain yield since 1987. Corn production is expected to total 25.55 million bushels with 350,000 acres harvested for grain. This would be 22 percent lower than last month's production. This forecast is 18 percent lower than the August 1 forecast of 89 bushels per acre.

Soybean yields are expected at 23 bushels per acre, which is 15 percent lower than the August 1 yield forecast of 27 bushels per acre. Soybean production is projected at 10.58 million bushels, 15 percent below last

month's 12.42 million bushels. Soybean producers are expecting to harvest 460,000 acres this fall.

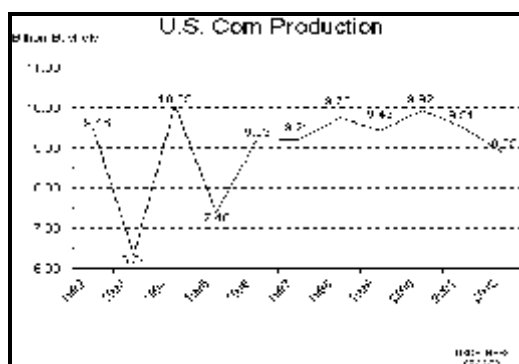
Flue-cured tobacco yields are forecast at 2,300 pounds per acre and production is expected to total 50.6 million pounds. This would be 4 percent greater than last year's production.

The state's peanut yield forecast is 2,500 pounds per acre. This is down 400 pounds per acre from the August forecast. The lack of rain fall caused this reduction in peanut yields. Production is expected to total 145 million pounds, which is down 38 percent from last year.

VIRGINIA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT FORECASTED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2002

Item	Acreage -Thousands-		Yield -Per Acre-		Unit	Production -Thousands Units-	
	2001	2002	2001	2002		2001	2002
Corn for Grain	330	350	123	73	-Bu.-	40,590	25,550
Soybeans	480	460	36	23	-Bu.-	17,280	10,580
Flue-Cured Tobacco	20.5	22.0	2,370	2,300	-Lbs.-	48,585	50,600

See page 2 for complete crop table.



VIRGINIA CROPS

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, 2001 and Forecasted Sept. 1, 2002

Crop	Acreage		Yield		Unit	Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002		2001	2002
	<i>-Thousands-</i>		<i>-Per Acre-</i>			<i>-Thousands-</i>	
Corn for Grain	330	350	123	73	<i>Bu.</i>	40,590	25,550
Wheat, Winter	170	185	60	63	<i>Bu.</i>	10,200	11,655
Barley	50	50	75	82	<i>Bu.</i>	3,750	4,100
Hay, All	1,310	1,370	2.09	1.89	<i>Ton</i>	2,741	2,589
Alfalfa	110	120	3.10	2.80	<i>Ton</i>	341	336
Other Hay	1,200	1,250	2.00	1.80	<i>Ton</i>	2,400	2,250
Summer Potatoes	6.3	6.5	220	220	<i>Cwt.</i>	1,386	1,430
Soybeans for Beans	480	460	36	23	<i>Bu.</i>	17,280	10,580
Peanuts for Nuts	75	58	3,130	2,500	<i>Lb.</i>	234,750	145,000
Cotton, Upland 2/	104	100	929	576	<i>1/</i>	201.3	120.0
Tobacco, All 3/	29.50	30.76	2,148	2,181	<i>Lb.</i>	63,379	67,080
Flue-cured	20.50	22.00	2,370	2,300	<i>Lb.</i>	48,585	50,600
Burley	7.70	8.00	1,620	1,900	<i>Lb.</i>	12,474	15,200
Fire-cured	1.20	0.70	1,805	1,700	<i>Lb.</i>	2,166	1,190
Sun-cured	0.10	0.06	1,540	1,500	<i>Lb.</i>	154	90
Apples 4/	--	--	--	--	<i>Lb.</i>	310,000	250,000
Peaches 5/	--	--	--	--	<i>Lb.</i>	8,000	7,000

1/ Cotton yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales. 2/ Production ginned and to be ginned. 3/ Includes all types.

4/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees. 5/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

UNITED STATES CROPS

Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, 2001 and Forecasted Sept. 1, 2002

Crop	Acreage Harvested		Yield		unit	Production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002		2001	2002
	<i>-Thousands-</i>		<i>-Per Acre-</i>			<i>-Thousands-</i>	
Corn for Grain	68,808	70,541	138.2	125.4	<i>Bu.</i>	9,506,840	8,848,529
Wheat, Winter	31,295	29,764	43.5	38.9	<i>Bu.</i>	1,361,479	1,158,710
Barley	4,289	4,499	58.2	55.9	<i>Bu.</i>	249,590	251,700
Hay, All	36,511	64,709	2.47	2.36	<i>Ton</i>	156,703	152,616
Alfalfa	23,812	24,134	3.37	3.09	<i>Ton</i>	80,266	74,640
Other Hay	39,699	40,575	1.93	1.92	<i>Ton</i>	76,437	77,976
Summer Potatoes *	58.8	60.6	310	310	<i>Cwt.</i>	18,209	18,813
Soybeans for Beans	73,000	71,799	39.6	37.0	<i>Bu.</i>	2,890,572	2,655,819
Peanuts for Nuts	1,411.9	1,360.5	3,029	2,808	<i>Lb.</i>	4,276,704	3,820,950
Cotton, Upland 2/	13,559.5	12,650.0	694	664	<i>1/</i>	19,602.4	17,505.0
Tobacco, All 3/	432.4	435.46	2,293	2,037	<i>Lb.</i>	991,519	886,973
Apples 4/	--	--	--	--	<i>Lb.</i>	9,629,100	9,205,600
Peaches 5/	--	--	--	--	<i>Lb.</i>	2,441,400	2,531,700

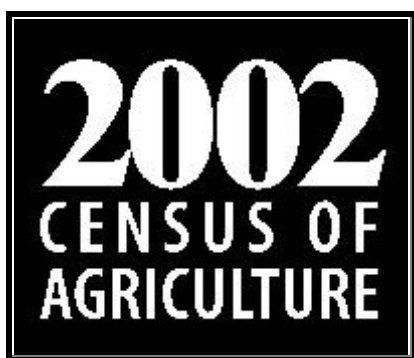
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3/Includes all types. 4/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees. 5/ Estimates for current year carried forward from an earlier forecast.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Region	Milk Cows 1/			Milk Per Cow 2/			Milk Production 2/		
	Aug. 2001	July 2002 3/	Aug. 2002	Aug. 2001	July 2002 3/	Aug. 2002	Aug. 2001	July 2002 3/	Aug. 2002
	<i>-Thous. Head-</i>			<i>-Lbs.-</i>			<i>-Million Lbs.-</i>		
Virginia	118	120	120	1,260	1,275	1,275	149	153	153
20 State Total 4/	7,735	7,783	7,786	1,520	1,581	1,568	11,754	12,306	12,205

1/ Monthly average includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. 3/ Revised. 4/ 20 State total includes AZ,CA,FL,ID,IL,IN,IA,KY,MI,MN,MO,NM,NY,OH,PA,TX,VT,VA,WA,WI.



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TURKEY HATCHERY PRODUCTION: MONTHLY POULT PLACEMENTS, UNITED STATES, 2000-02 ^{1/}

Month	Total All Breeds		Percent of Previous Year	Cumulative Total		Percent of Previous Year
	2000-01	2001-02		2000-01	2001-02	
	<i>-Thousand-</i>	<i>-Thousand-</i>	<i>-Percent-</i>	<i>-Thousand-</i>	<i>-Thousand-</i>	<i>-Percent-</i>
September	23,016	22,414	97	23,016	22,414	97
October	23,672	24,128	102	46,688	46,542	100
November	23,357	24,226	104	70,045	70,768	101
December	23,297	24,499	105	93,342	95,267	102
January	25,612	25,880	101	118,954	121,147	102
February	23,775	24,266	102	142,729	145,413	102
March	26,148	25,746	98	168,877	171,159	101
April	25,858	26,184	101	194,735	197,343	101
May	26,682	25,551	96	221,417	222,894	101
June	26,121	24,409	93	247,538	247,303	100
July	27,064	*25,646	95	274,602	272,949	99
August	25,032	24,725	99	299,634	297,674	99

1/ Excludes exported poult. *Revised.

U.S TURKEY EGGS IN INCUBATORS AND POULTS PLACED BY REGION AND UNITED STATES

Geographic Division	Eggs in Incubators		Percent of Previous Year	Poults Placed During August 1/		Percent of Previous Year
	Sept. 1					
	2001	2002		2001	2002	
	-Thousand-		-Percent-	-Thousand-		-Percent-
E N Central	4,787	4,815	101	3,605	3,935	109
W N Central	9,796	11,353	116	8,527	8,864	104
N & S Atlantic	9,699	8,051	83	8,370	7,374	88
S Central	3,002	3,009	100	2,429	2,229	92
West	2,725	2,256	83	2,101	2,323	111
US	30,009	29,484	98	25,032	24,725	99

1/ Regional placements refer to poult. placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

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